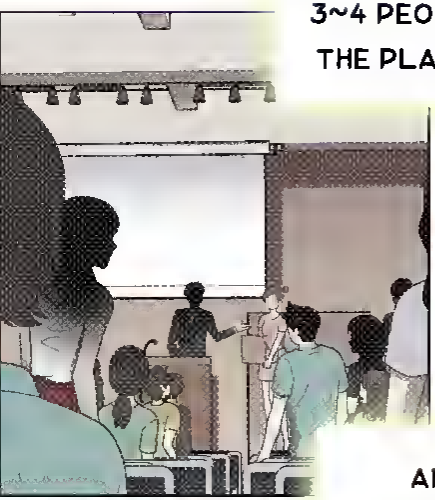
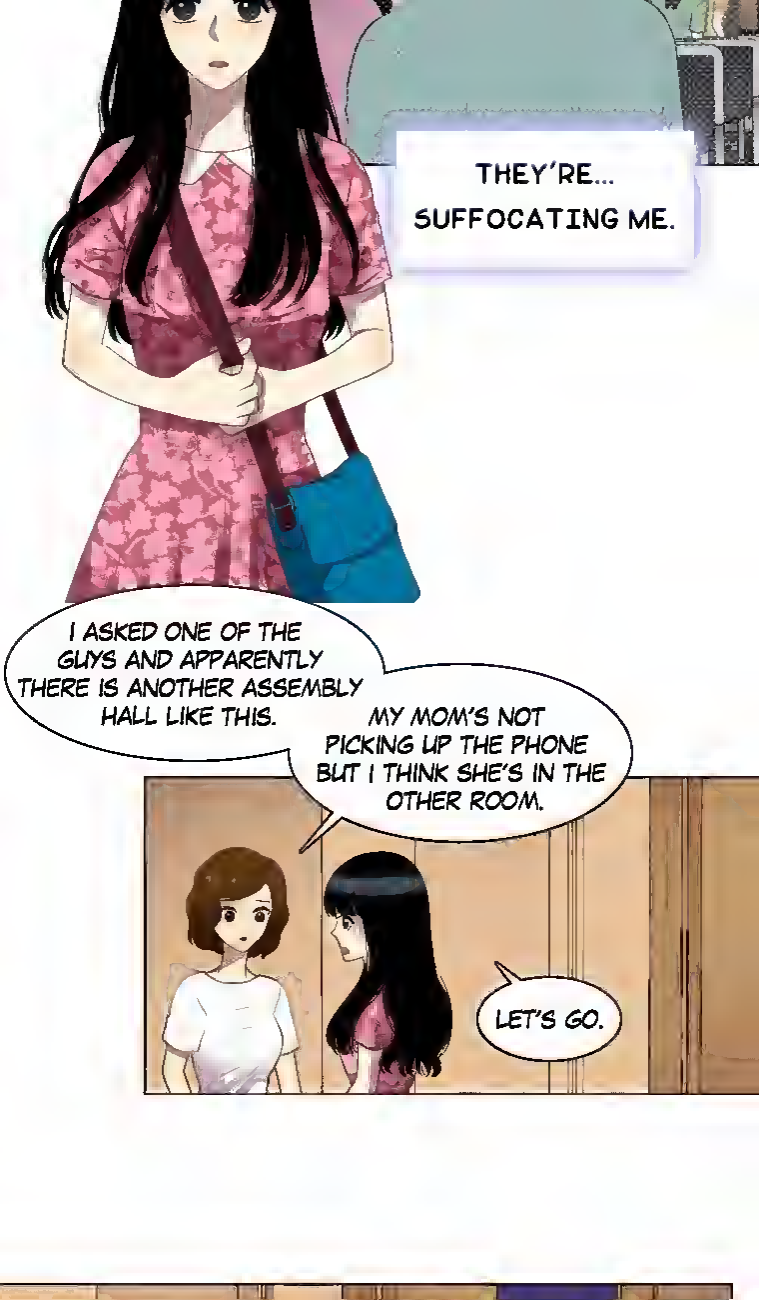
ON THE OUTSIDE,
EVERYTHING LOOKS FINE.
HUSTLE BUSTLE
BLAH BLAH
BEAUTY
ROSELLIA

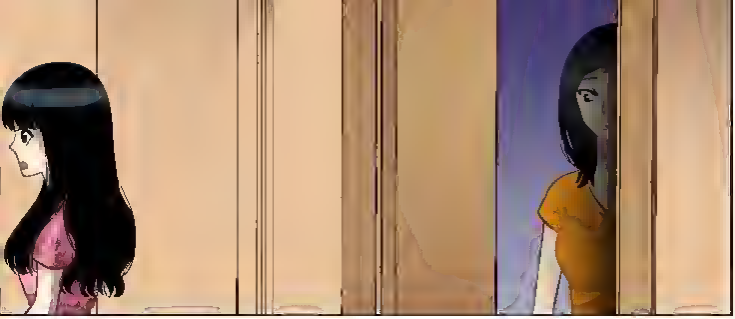
BUT..

3~4 PEOPLE ON THE PLATFORM

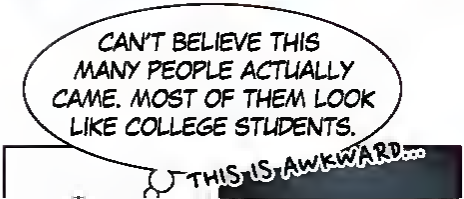


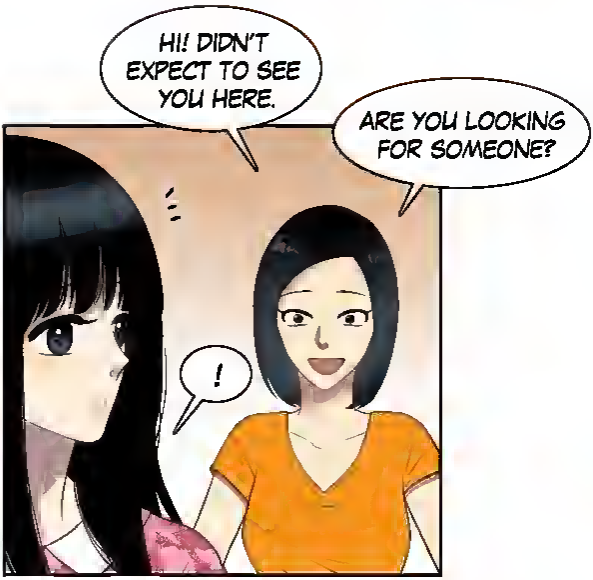
AND HERE AND THERE IN THE CROWD...


THEY'RE...
SUFFOCATING ME.
I ASKED ONE OF THE GUYS AND APPARENTLY THERE IS ANOTHER ASSEMBLY HALL LIKE THIS.
MY MOM'S NOT PICKING UP THE PHONE BUT I THINK SHE'S IN THE OTHER ROOM.
LET'S GO.



YOU STAY.
JUST IN CASE MY MOM COMES HERE. I'LL GO DO A QUICK SCAN AND COME BACK. DON'T GO ANYWHERE.
I'LL BE HERE.


CAN'T BELIEVE THIS MANY PEOPLE ACTUALLY CAME. MOST OF THEM LOOK LIKE COLLEGE STUDENTS.
THIS IS AWKWARD...


HI! DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE.
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
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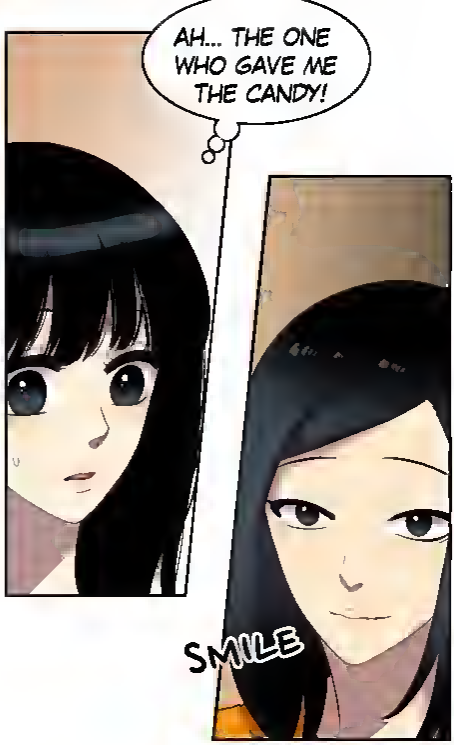
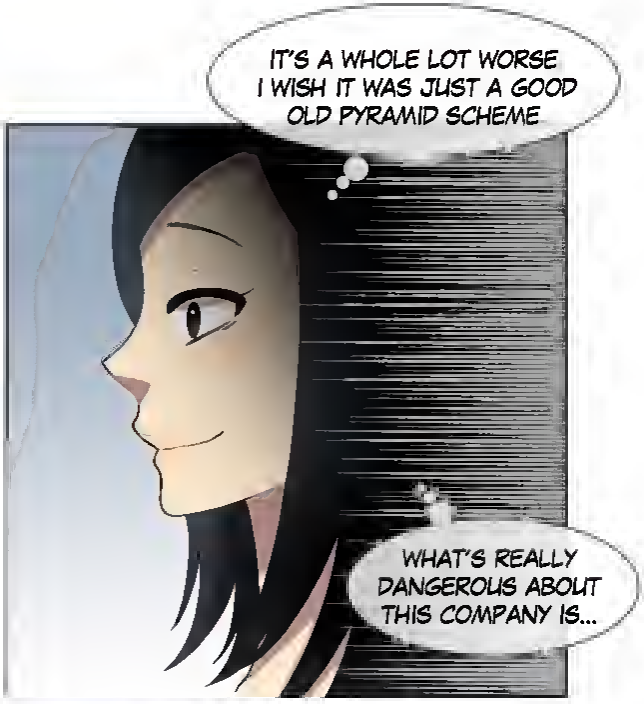

AH... THE ONE WHO GAVE ME THE CANDY!
SMILE

YEAH, I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE...
LET ME HELP YOU. IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME HERE, RIGHT?

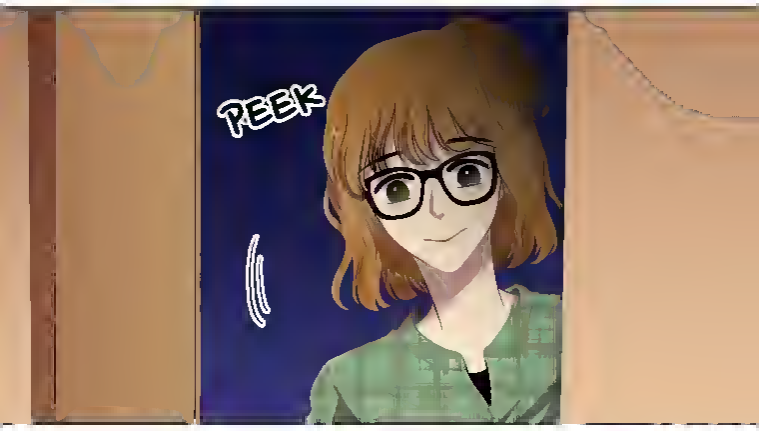
HOW DID YOU END UP COMING HERE?
DEFINITELY NOT BECAUSE I WANTED TO.

DON'T WORRY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HEARD, BUT WE DON'T DO PYRAMID SCHEMES.

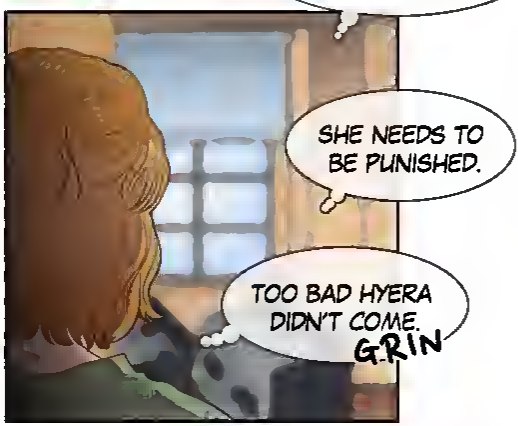
HOW CREEPY. DID SHE JUST READ MY MIND?
IT'S NOT?

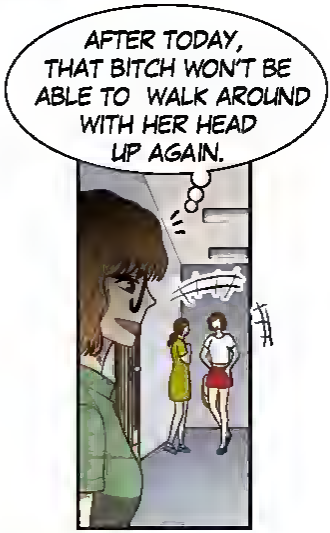

IT'S A WHOLE LOT WORSE I WISH IT WAS JUST A GOOD OLD PYRAMID SCHEME
WHAT'S REALLY DANGEROUS ABOUT THIS COMPANY IS...

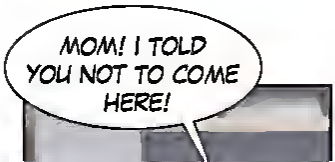
WE HAVE MORE CONFERENCE ROOMS LIKE THIS ON OTHER FLOORS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK?
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FRIEND'S MOM, RIGHT? COME WITH ME. I KNOW WHERE SHE IS.
HOW DID SHE KNOW THAT I'M LOOKING FOR MY FRIEND'S MOM?

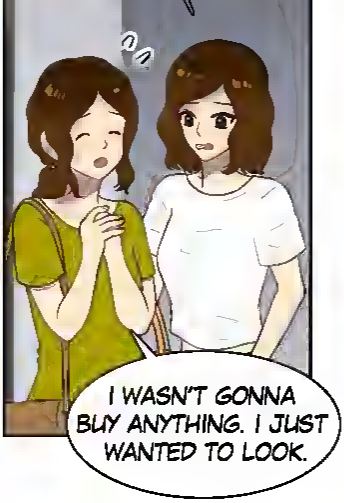


HOPE SHE TOOK THAT BITCH ALRIGHT.


SHE NEEDS TO BE PUNISHED.
TOO BAD HYERA DIDN'T COME.
GRIN


AFTER TODAY, THAT BITCH WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK AROUND WITH HER HEAD UP AGAIN.

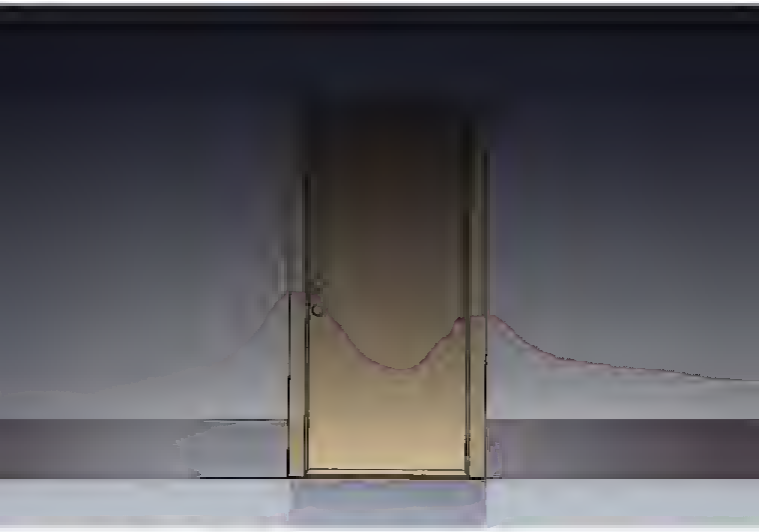

MOM! I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME HERE!

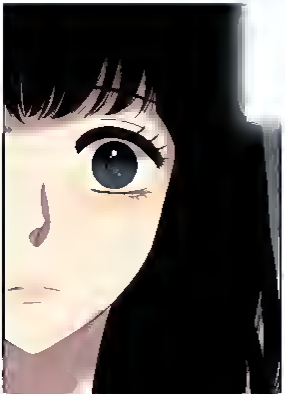

I WASN'T GONNA BUY ANYTHING. I JUST WANTED TO LOOK.

I DON'T SEE ANYBODY AROUND HERE... THIS DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.

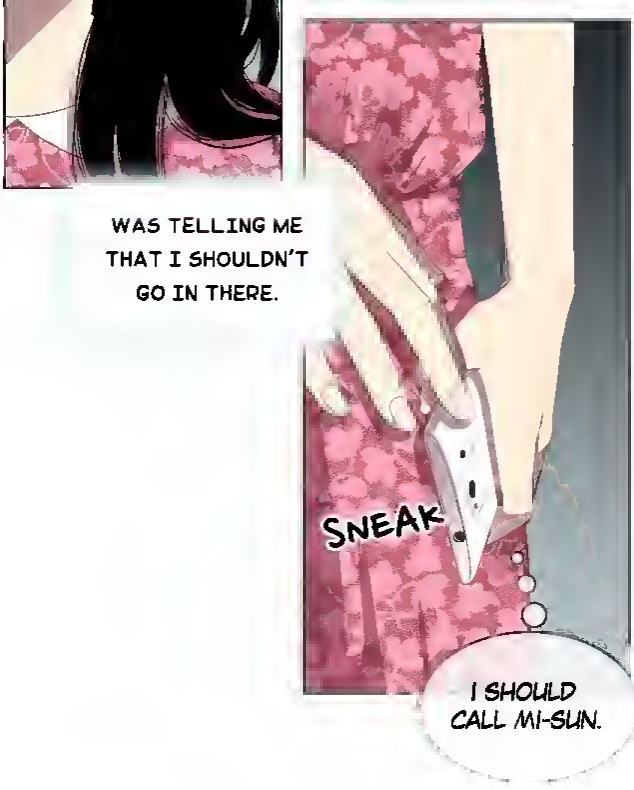
IS SHE REALLY TRYING TO HELP ME? THEN WHY IS SHE TURNING DARKER AND DARKER?
UM. EXCUSE ME. I THINK I SHOULD GO BACK...

IT'S RIGHT HERE.





MY INTUITION

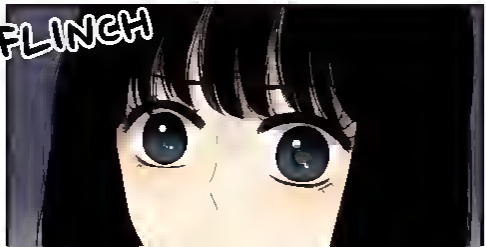

WAS TELLING ME THAT I SHOULDN'T GO IN THERE.
SNEAK
I SHOULD CALL MI-SUN.

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO WITH THAT? NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED HERE!
SNATCH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GIVE ME BACK MY PHONE!

DON'T YOU WANT
TO KNOW HOW YOUR FRIEND
HYERA GOT INJURED?
JUST GIVE US 30 MINUTES
AND I PROMISE YOU NOTHING
WILL HAPPEN TO MI-SUN.

RELAX. WE JUST WANT TO TALK, THAT'S ALL.
WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT?


FLINCH

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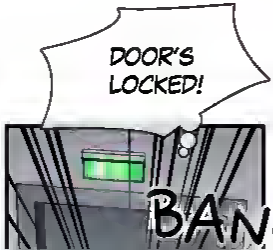
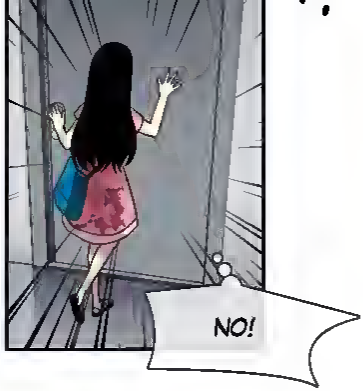
HEY THERE.
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
COME IN.

I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!

DASH
HEY!!

I NEED TO CALL... AH, MY CELL PHONE!


DOOR'S LOCKED!
BANG!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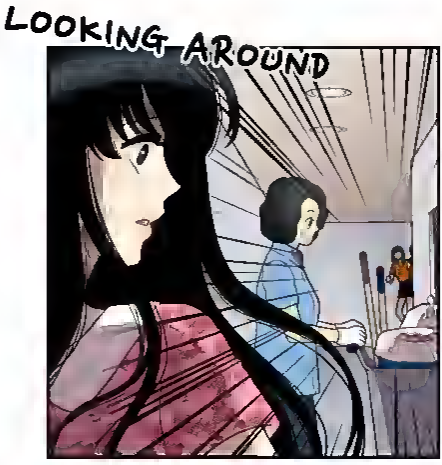
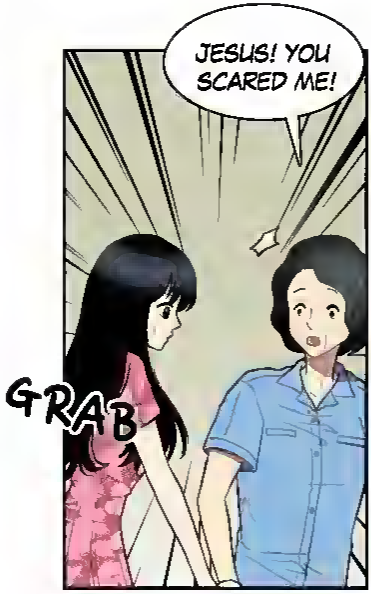
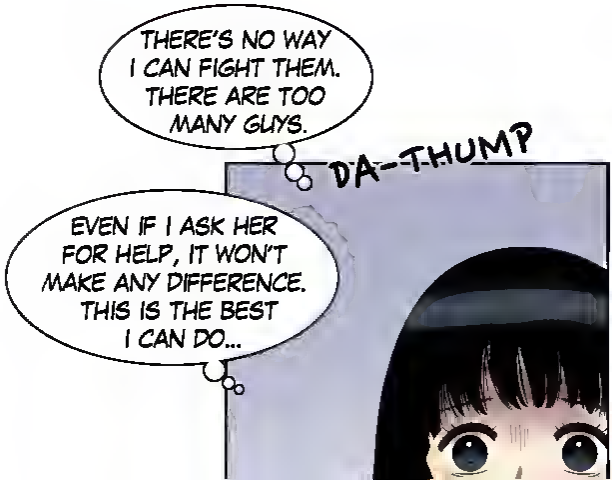

LOOKING AROUND

GRAB

WRITE


JESUS! YOU SCARED ME!
GRAB


THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIGHT THEM. THERE ARE TOO MANY GUYS.
DA-THUMP
EVEN IF I ASK HER FOR HELP, IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO...

DA-THUMP
WHY DID YOU RUN?
YOU'RE GONNA GET LOST HERE BY YOURSELF.
HUH?
AH, KIDS THESE DAYS. AREN'T THEY TOO OLD TO BE RUNNING AROUND IN THE HALLWAY? AND WHAT IS THIS?
SHE-SCARED ME

WHY DID SHE GIVE ME THIS?
CALL!!

DID SHE WANT ME TO THROW

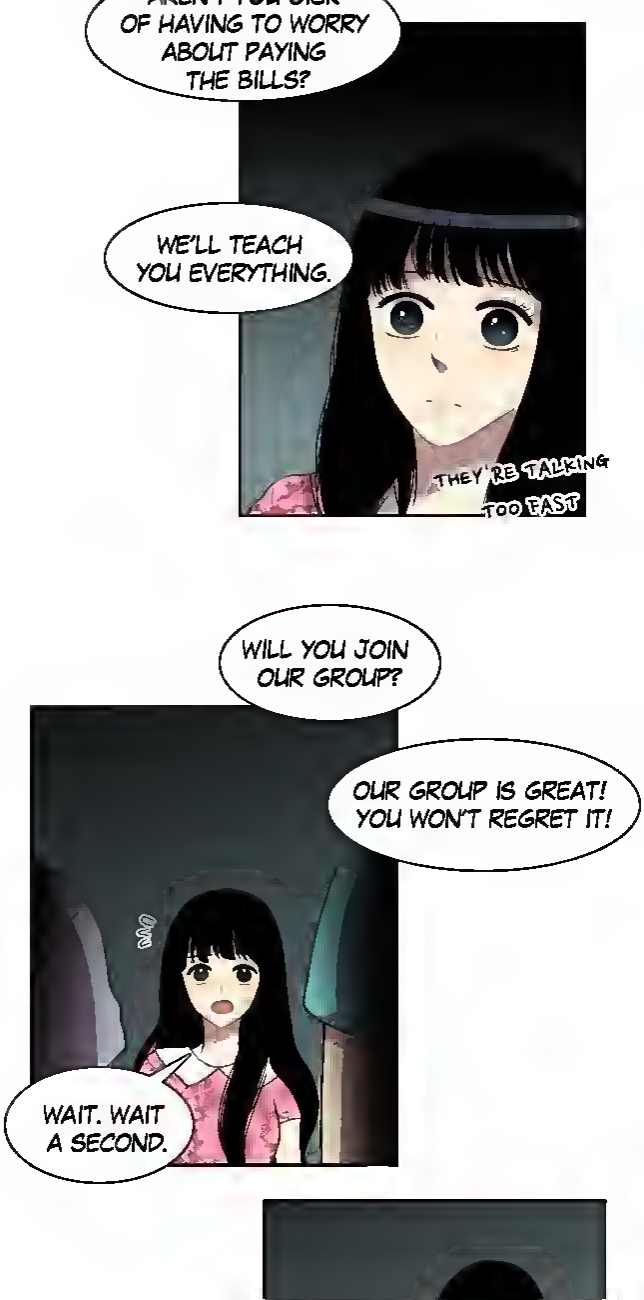
IT AWAY?
TRASH?
CRUMPLE
DA-THUMP
DA-THUMP
DA-THUMP

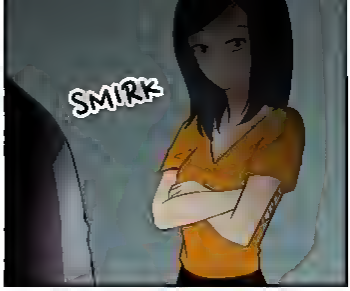
DA-THUMP
THEY'VE BEEN JUST STANDING THERE STARING AT ME. WHAT TIME IS IT? HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN HERE?
WHY DO I HAVE TO SIT HERE LIKE THIS?
WHAT DO THEY WANT FROM ME? I WANT TO GO. THEY ALL SEEM CRAZY.
HEY YURIM.

W...WHAT?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR GROUP?
YOU SHOULD.
WE CAN HELP YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE LOTS OF MONEY.
JOIN US.

AREN'T YOU SICK


OF HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT PAYING THE BILLS?
WE'LL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING.
THEY'RE TALKING TOO FAST
WILL YOU JOIN OUR GROUP?
OUR GROUP IS GREAT! YOU WON'T REGRET IT!
WAIT. WAIT A SECOND.


SMIRK

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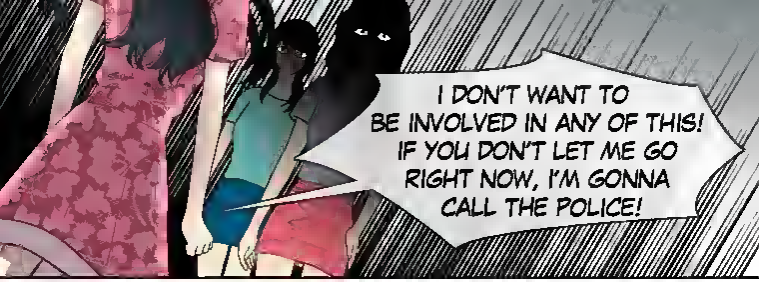
WHY ARE YOU
GUYS DOING THIS?


I DON'T WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY OF THIS! IF YOU DON'T LET ME GO RIGHT NOW, I'M GONNA CALL THE POLICE!

SPLASHHH

?!
WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS IF YOU JUST AGREED TO JOIN US.
DON'T SCREAM. WE'RE JUST TRYING TO CLEANSE YOUR SOUL OF FOUL THOUGHTS.
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?!
THEY ARE INSANE!!

NOW, TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF.
WHAT?
TAKE IT OFF.
JUST
CLICK
Ganon

DO AS WHAT WE TELL YOU TO, AND YOU'LL WANT TO BE A PART OF US.

YURIM IS NOT READING MY MESSAGES. SHE'S NOT PICKING UP THE PHONE EITHER. WHAT IS SHE DOING?
THE PRETTY FRIEND WHO CAME TO OUR HOUSE THAT DAY?
YEAH. SHE CAME WITH ME BECAUSE OF YOU. THIS IS WEIRD. DID SHE GET LOST OR SOMETHING?

OH, SHE JUST TEXTED ME.
HUH? SHE WENT HOME? THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. IT'S SO UNLIKE HER...
WHOOOSH

EH? THAT

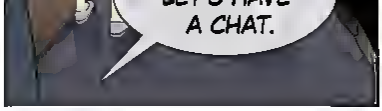
GUY IS....

STOMPP

THUDD.

BANG!!!

YOU'RE GONNA HURT YOURSELF
WE WON'T TAKE ANYMORE PICTURES
KNOCK
KNOCK
DO WE HAVE ENOUGH?
OH YEAH. HAHA
COME OUT.



HELP.

ANYBODY.
HELP ME.
AT THAT MOMENT, FAMILIAR FACES CAME INTO MY MIND.
FACES OF MY FRIENDS,

OF KIND PEOPLE.

NAMYON.

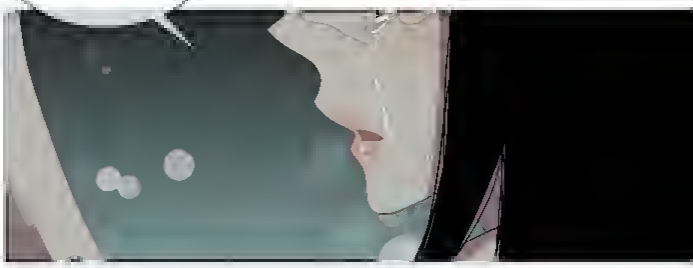
AND

EVEN THE PEOPLE
WHO I NEVER THOUGHT
I'D ASK FOR HELP AGAIN.

HELP ME.

*SOBBING

MOM...



My Beautiful World

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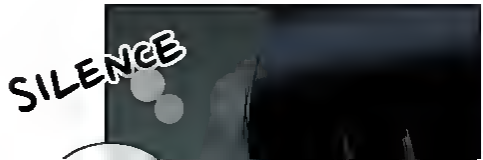

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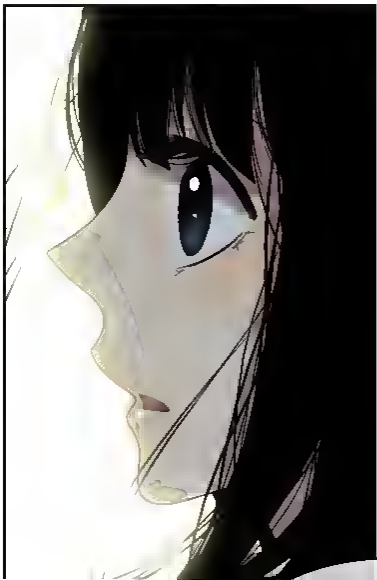
I'M HERE.



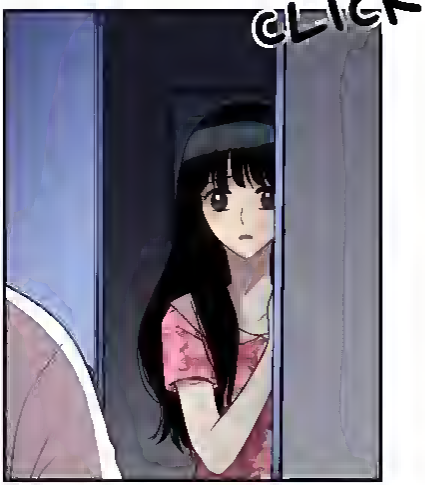
IT'S ME, YURIM.

HIS WARM VOICE

THE TENDER WAY
HE CALLS MY NAME.

THE FACE THAT
I CAN NEVER GET
OUT OF MY MIND.

THE PERSON THAT
I ALWAYS THINK ABOUT.



SIGH

YURIM! ARE YOU OKAY?!
OH MY. THANK GOODNESS I DIDN'T THROW THE PAPER AWAY AND CALLED. WHAT HAPPENED?

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